

Senate Resolution 663

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Benjamin Simmons on the occasion of his
2 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Benjamin Simmons was born on January 16, 1907, in Ridgeland, South
4 Carolina, to Sam and Katy Simmons and is the only surviving child of 15 children; and

5 WHEREAS, he left South Carolina at an early age and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he
6 later met the late Eva Fletcher; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1941 he was drafted into the military where he served diligently and
8 courageously in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, after the war, he resumed his work at Southern Railroad in Atlanta, Georgia,
10 retiring in 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, Benjamin has been a member of the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal
12 Church for many years and served on the Steward Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Benjamin has always sought to aid his fellow man in the hour of need, and for
14 this reason he gained and maintained the admiration, esteem, and affection of his family,
15 members of his church, and the community.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby extends
17 to Benjamin Simmons its most sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of
18 his 100th birthday.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Benjamin Simmons.